Subject: Decorations + medals from Asia Minor

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Dear Mr. Wood:

All has been settled now. I am sailing May 15. to Asia Minor, to look after my beloved Hittites. Would it be convenient to you if I come next Friday morning? Because I would also like to see which decorations or medalls I shall try to find for you.

With my best regards to Mrs. Wood I am very sincerely yours

Hans Henning v. der Osten.

January 9, 1935.

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Dear Van der Osten:

I am enclosing a letter that I feel I cannot answer correctly and possibly you can help me out or tell me where I can get the information. I should judge by the quartered arms that Birkenstock, or at any rate the one with the blue and gold arms at one time or another married an heiress whose family arms were the black eagle. Thereafter the arms were quartered. In English heraldry you very seldom see two crests. This is plain enough - that they are the crests of the two families represented on the arms. Is this a common German custom?

I take it the helmets mean little, simply that the family was of sufficient merit to bear arms. Facing helmets, however, mean rank. I do not think the black eagle has any significance as belonging to German nobility. Please return the letter and the drawing so I can answer it.

I gave your regrets at the Oriental Club last night. I trust I will see you when you do return to New York.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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Dear Mr.Wood:

I thank you so much for sending me the two lighter prints of Mrs. Brett's seals. I am so glad that her collection is finally going to be published. In this connection I would be very greatful to you if you would complete the attached card for the bibliography (volume number and pages).

It lokks as if the manuscript for Alişar is going really to press next month. (the two last volumes) so that I then can go away from here,

Is Mr.Newell now in New York ? I send him some time ago a cast of a glass piece and would very much like to have some information on it to finish this section.

With my best regards and hoping to see you soon

I remain allways

your sincerely devoted

H. H. v. der Osten.

May 29, 1935.

Mr. H. H. Von der Osten
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Dear Von der Osten:

On my return from a week's absence I found your letter on my desk. I am glad to hear from you and trust that you will be free soon to do as you please. Mr. Newell has been away but has just gotten back. I will speak to him about the glass piece you sent on. You did not include the card for the bibliography that you mentioned, so will you look this up and send it on. Trusting to see you the nexttime you are in New York, I remain

Sincerely yours,

HW:JG

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